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The Patent Office is requested to make the following references part of the record. The references, received by the Applicant from the current counterpart application in Europe (European search report enclosed).

EP 0 316 875 A2 has been cited in the corresponding European search of port under category Y with regard to the European claims 1 to 12 and under category A with regard to the European claim 13. The referenced discloses a device with an arrow – shaped turning bar on either side of the material with each turning bar consisting of two rods lying in a plane and rigidly connected together at the same obtuse angle. The turning bars are arranged mutually parallel with the obtuse angle in the direction of the materia strip pointing into the strip region,


whereby the strip can be fed in to and out of the turning bars in the plane of the turning bars.

DE 87 17 253 U1 has been cited in the corresponding European search report under category A with regard to the European claim 1. This reference discloses a device with at least one pair of bars in the direction of distance as well as in the height differently in the direction of travel diagonally arranged guide rods, so that at least one of the guide rods in a crevice mounting is stored. This reference is in German, and there is no English translation available to applicant at this time. However, an English machine translation of the German claims is enclosed along with this German reference.

DE 100 23 169 A1 has been cited in the corresponding European Search Report under categories D and Y with regard to the European claims 1 to 12 and under category A with regard to the European claim 13. This reference has been cited in a previous Information Disclosure Statement, and had already been considered by the Examiner. Applicant notes that this reference is the only reference of the European Search Report that merits a technical analogous consideration. This reference has already been considered and is of record.

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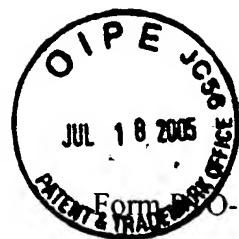
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